(4) The period covered by the question being indefinite it is not possible to furnish correct information.

(5) It is not possible to furnish the information at this stage.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—According to Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar's scheme it is one lakh? Is it after preparing detailed plans and estimates that he makes this figure of one lakh?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is only a cost report after inspecting the site not after taking the level, etc.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the total cost of the State Chief Engineer's scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is about 2 lakhs and 40,000 rupees.

585. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what action has been taken to carry out item No. IV referred to in the Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of the Road Board published in the Gazette, dated 13th August 1932 and whether the decision of the Road Board will early be carried out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No action has been taken. The matter will receive early attention.

Utilisation of funds provided for Kunnamkulam—Tiruthikad road.

586. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether satisfactory steps have been taken to utilise in full before the end of this year the budget provision of Rs. 5,000 for opening a road from Kunnamkulam to Tiruthikad and Pazhanji;

and whether the amount budgetted for this road once before the current year was not allowed to lapse?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The provision of Rs. 5,000 is for the construction of a road from Kunnamkulam to Tiruthikad. Every effort will be made to utilise the allotment in full.

An allotment was budgetted in a previous year for a road from Kunnamkulam to Pazhanji but the work as contemplated was abandoned.

Want of a road to connect Alloor with Mattom (Talappilli Taluk.)

587. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the necessity of a direct road connection between Alloor and Mattom;

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(2) whether the passage of pedestrains even through the intervening paddy flats is not rendered very dangerous during the monsoon months ;

(3) whether the present road distance of 5 or 6 miles through Koonamuchi, be not reduced to about one mile if a direct road is constructed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Inconvenience is felt in crossing the paddy fields during monsoons.

(3) Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In the light of answer to (1) and (3), will the question of connecting the road be taken up during the time of preparing the budget for 1109 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As I have said on a previous occasion the programme of new road works for 1109 has already been drawn up by the Road Board and in that list this item is not included.

Resignation of Mr. C. S. Nilakanta Ayyar.

588. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the cause of the resignation of Mr. C. S. Nilakanta Ayyar ;

(b) from what date the resignation took effect;

(c) how his pay was met till the date of his resignation?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) He found that his appointment in the School had become a matter for adverse comment among the teachers and the general public and he severed his connection with the school to safeguard its best interest.

(b) From the date of re-opening of the school in Edavam 1107.

(c) Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was this Nilakanta Ayyar a teacher in the Vivekodayam High School?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it is under a year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is it that the Government did not know how his pay was met ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Because it is aided. How the management finds funds pay to the teachers it is not for the department to see. It is none of our business.

589. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question 46 dated 20th of Karkadagam 1106, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the distress has grown in the meanwhile to such a scale as would warrant their action in any of the lines suggested therein:

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